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SUBJECT: SEAL SAVERS THREATEN DEMONSTRATIONS IN U.S. AGAINST
KING OLAV

1. FOREIGN MINISTRY'S CHIEF OF PRESS AND INFORMATION DIVISION,
ROLF JERVING PHONED ME TO EXPRESS CONCERN REGARDING THE POSSIBILITY
OF DEMONSTRATIONS BY GROUPS OPPOSED TO NORWEGIAN SEAL HUNTING
DURING THE VISIT OF KING OLAV TO THE UNITED STATES THIS FALL.
JERVING SAID THAT HE HAD JUST RECEIVED CABLE FROM BRIAN DAVIS FROM
HIS RESIDENCE IN NEW BRUNSWICK ANNOUNCING THAT HE WAS ORGANIZING
ADVERSE MEDIA COVERAGE OF NORWEGIAN SEAL HUNTING DURING THE
NEXT SEASON AND PLANNED ALSO TO ORGANIZE DEMONSTRATIONS TO
COINCIDE WITH KING OLAV'S VISIT TO THE U.S. DAVIS SAID THAT IF THE
NORWEGIANS CALLED OFF THEIR PLANS TO HUNT HARP AND HOOD SEALS PRIOR
TO THE KING'S ARRIVAL IN U.S., HE WOULD DO HIS BEST TO CALL OFF
ANY DEMONSTRATIONS, BUT HE NOTED THAT MATTERS TENDED TO GET OUT
OF HIS HANDS ONCE HIS MATERIALS WERE PLACED IN THE HANDS OF
THE MEDIA. JERVING EXPLAINED THAT "BLACK MAILING" CABLE WAS SENT
TO HIM BECAUSE HE HAS BEEN POINT OF CONTACT IN THE NORWEGIAN
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GOVERNMENT WITH BRIAN DAVIS.

2. JERVING RECALLED THAT, IN A PREVIOUS DISCUSSION WITH ME REGARDING THE KING'S VISIT, HE EXPRESSED CONCERN ABOUT THE POSSIBILITY OF DEMONSTRATIONS AGAINST NORWEGIAN SEALING. NOW THAT THREAT IS MORE CONCRETE, JERVING ASKED WHAT THE REGULATIONS ARE IN THE UNITED STATES CONTROLLING SUCH DEMONSTRATIONS, WHETHER STATE OF FEDERAL LAW APPLY AND GENERALLY WHAT SECURITY MEASURES CAN BE EXPECTED. WHEN I QUESTIONED WHETHER ANY SERIOUS DEMONSTRATIONS COULD BE ORGANIZED BY DAVIS, JERVING COMMENTED THAT IT WOULD AT LEAST BE UNPLEASANT IF ANY SHOULD OCCUR. SINCE JERVING WILL BE THE SENIOR FORMIN OFFICIAL ACOMPANYING H.M. HE IS UNDERSTANDABLY ANXIOUS TO KNOW WHAT SORT OF SECURITY PROBLEMS HE COULD FACE IN EACH STATE.

3. ACTION REQUESTED: EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE IF SY AND PROTOCOL ARE INFORMED REGARDING THIS THREAT OF DEMONSTRATION. FOR PLANNING PURPOSES, IT WOULD SEEM DESIRABLE THAT SOMEONE FROM SY DISCUSS THE PROBLEMS WITH THE NORWEGIAN EMBASSY AND BE AS RESPONSIVE AS POSSIBLE TO JERVING'S SPECIFIC QUESTIONS NAMELY, WHAT GENERAL REGULATIONS ON THE CONTROL OF DEMONSTRATIONS APPLY IN THE STATES THAT THE KING WILL VISIT (I.E. NEW YORK, MINNESOTA, ILLINOIS, IOWA, SEATTLE, CALIFORNIA, AND ALASKA) AND WHAT THE U.S. GOVERNMENT PLANS TO DO IN COOPERATION WITH STATE AUTHORITIES TO SEE THAT DEMONSTRATIONS, IF THEY OCCUR, ARE MINIMALLY EMBARRASSING FOR THE NORWEGIAN DELEGATION. AS THE TIME FOR THE VISIT DRAWS CLOSER, WE ASSUME THAT SY WILL PASS ON TO THE DESK ANY INFORMATION ABOUT PLANNED DEMONSTRATIONS OR MEDIA CAMPAIGNS BY THE ANTI-SEALERS OR ANY OTHER GROUP. I PROPOSE TELL JERVING WE WILL KEEP IN TOUCH ON THIS ISSUE THROUGH NORWEGIAN EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON BUT WOULD LIKE TO PROVIDE HIM WITH ANSWERS TO HIS IMMEDIATE QUESTIONS, IF ONLY IN GENERAL TERMS.
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